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Further cooperative work between the two Interior agencies will result in establishing about 4,000 acres of open water in the marsh, about 3,000 acres of low land for waterfowl food production, and about 4,000 acres of more or less natural vegetation for cover areas for upland game and birds.

Construction of the dike and the inlet and outlet works will insure controlled water levels within Topock Marsh that will not vary with fluctuations in the Colorado River, and will provide dependable resting and feeding areas for migratory waterfowl and access through the marsh by boat for fishing and hunting. These facilities have been specifically designed to utilize not more than the amount of water allocated to Havasu National Wildlife Refuge by the 1964 Supreme Court decree in Arizona vs. California.

With the development of the dike and other facilities to stabilize the Topock Marsh, it is expected that the area will be much more attractive to waterfowl and that many more birds will make use of its resting and feeding grounds.

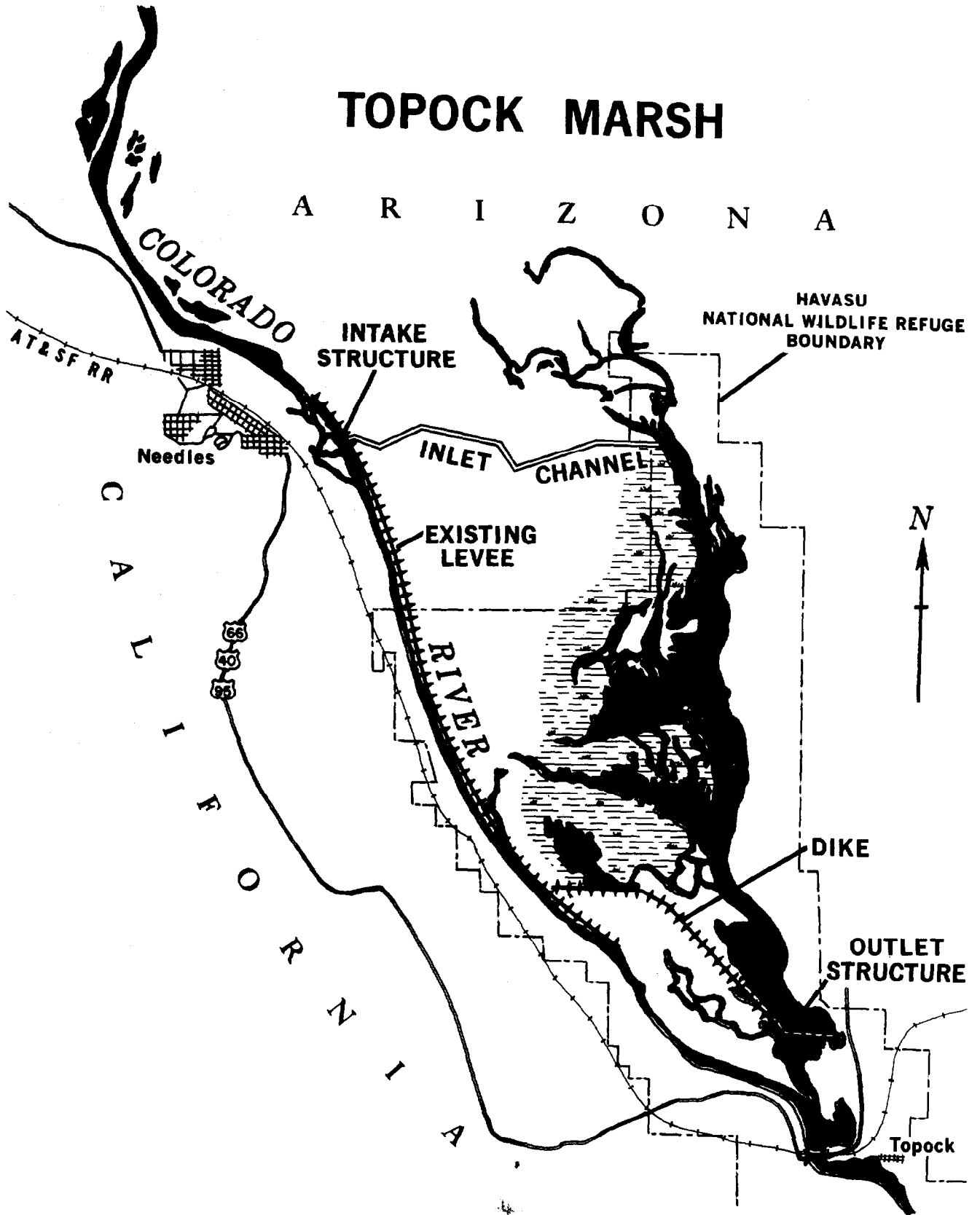
Personnel of the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge estimate that the marsh provides about 125,000 man-days of fishing a year. Large mouth bass and catfish abound in the area.

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(Note to Editors: Photographs of the Topock Marsh area are available from Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D. C. 20240.)

TOPOCK MARSH

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HAVASU
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
BOUNDARY

INTAKE
STRUCTURE

INLET
CHANNEL

EXISTING
LEVEE

RIVER

DIKE

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